

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 524 without my signature.

This bill would require all successful bidders on State services contracts to complete a questionnaire and report on the portions of the contract that would be performed by subcontractors or employees outside of the United States.

Mandating additional reporting requirements on successful bidders of State services contracts provides marginal value to the State, especially since there is no verification requirement for the information that would be provided. This measure simply creates additional bureaucratic processes for the Department of General Services and service contractors. Placing additional requirements on contractors may result in fewer bidders in the future, leading to potentially higher costs of service contracts to the State. Therefore, it is unclear what public benefit is served by this measure.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger